

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application, claims 23-62 having been withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 23-62 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration; (c) do not present any additional claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejection

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 3 and 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,008,758 to Park et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that Park is not a citable reference with respect to the instant application. The instant application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application JP 2003-299230 filed August 22, 2003, in Japan. Applicants respectfully submit that Park was filed on November 17, 2003, after the filing of the priority application JP 2003-299230, which fully supports the instant claims. Applicants attach hereto an accurate English-language translation of JP 2003-299230. Applicants thus submit that Park is not a proper prior art reference.

Thus, Park cannot anticipate or render obvious the pending claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2 and 4-15 contain allowable subject matter.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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